

# KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MINUTES

**April 17, 2003**

A meeting of the Kentucky Occupational Therapy Board was held at the Division of Occupations and Professions, Frankfort, KY on April 17, 2003.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Laurie Farlow, Chairperson  
Kelly Nash, Vice Chair  
Laura Strickland  
Teresa Conley-Buckner  
Julya Westfall

## OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS STAFF

Karen M. Robinson, Board Administrator  
Nancy L. Black, Executive Director

## ABSENT

Julie Kropf

## OTHERS

Jim Grawe, Office of the Attorney General  
Linda Freudenberger, KOTA Representative

Chairperson Laurie Farlow called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the March 14, 2003 meeting were presented for the Board's review. A motion was made by Ms. Strickland to approve the minutes as amended. Motion, seconded by Ms. Conley-Buckner carried.

## **Licensure Status Report**

Ms. Robinson distributed information regarding the current occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant licensees for the month of March 2003. Presently, there are 1442 licensed OTs and 352 OTAs. Presently, there are 34 OTs certified to practice in Deep Physical Agent Modalities.

## **New Business**

The Board reviewed a press release from Paul Grace, NBCOT regarding the American National Standards Institute's Accreditation of NBCOT's Certification Program. No action was taken as this was for informational purposes only.

The Board reviewed a press release from NBCOT regarding the election of their new president to the Board of Directors. Patricia A. Crist, PhD, OTR/L and FAOTA was named as President and will begin her term in June of 2003. No action was taken as this was for informational purposes only.

Email correspondence was reviewed by the Board concerning the number of caseloads OTs are allowed in a school system. Ms. Farlow will respond to this question referencing Section 2 (10) and (13) of 201 KAR 28:140 Unprofessional Conduct and Code of Ethics.

The Board was given copies of AOTA's Model of Continuing Competence Guidelines, articles, and attachments to take home for review. They will bring them back to the next Board meeting for further discussion.

### **Director's Report**

Ms. Black explained to the Board that the "Self-Certification" option had not been utilized as yet because the Memorandum of Agreement with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) has not been completed. It is still in process.

Ms. Black announced that the transfer of unbudgeted carry-forward funds from restricted funds of the Board would be reflected in April's financial statement. The Kentucky Board of Licensure for Occupational Therapy's assessment is \$168,800, constituting approximately one-third of the Board's unbudgeted carry-forward funds.

Ms. Black also reported that the Division of Occupations and Professions has instituted a lockdown for entry into the building for security reasons.

### **Approval of Financial Statement**

The Board reviewed the financial statements for the period of July 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003. After review, Ms. Conley-Buckner made the motion to accept the financial statements as presented. Motion, seconded by Ms. Westfall, carried.

### **Old Business**

The Board discussed the practice of DPAMs by certified OTAs under the supervision of non-certified OTs. The Board concluded that COTAs with a DPAM specialty certification be responsible for assuring that they are receiving supervision by an occupational therapist who also has DPAM certification.

The Board reviewed an email correspondence from a licensed OTR requesting a DPAM specialty certification who also happens to hold a DPAM Supervisor Specialty Certification. The Board agreed that this applicant needs to complete an application, pay the \$25.00 fee, and submit a copy a PT license. Ms. Robinson will respond to the email requesting the needed materials.

Ms. Westfall made a motion to make provisions to the Deep Physical Agent Modalities regulations. Motion, seconded by Ms. Conley-Buckner, carried. Ms. Strickland abstained.

Low vision regulations were not reviewed at this meeting as further information is still pending from the Kentucky Board of Optometry. The Board will discuss at the next meeting.

Ms. Conley-Buckner made a motion to approve the continuing competence regulations as amended. Motion, seconded by Ms. Strickland, carried.

Review of the Unprofessional Conduct and Code of Ethics regulations were not reviewed and further discussion will take place at the next Board meeting.

Discussion of a communication plan for regulatory changes will be tabled until the next Board meeting. Ms. Strickland will send a communication plan for the DPAM regulatory changes to Ms. Farlow for review before the next meeting.

### **Complaints**

Ms. Strickland made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss complaints. Motion, seconded by Ms. Nash, carried.

Ms. Strickland made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion, seconded by Ms. Conley-Buckner, carried.

The following actions were taken on the complaints discussed in the Executive Session:

**OT-2001-03** - Review of the investigative report is pending.

**OT-2002-04** - Settlement Agreement Pending

**OT-2002-05** - Investigation Pending

**OT-2003-01** - Initiate Investigation

#### **OTR and COTA Application Review**

The motion was made by Ms. Nash and seconded by Ms. Conley-Buckner to approve the following applications as discussed:

**OTR** – Erica L. Ashley; Tara D. Bargo; Angela R. Bolton; Jennifer R. Bosse; Tiffany C. Buchanan; Amy I. Duthie; Emily M. Finn; Crystal D. Gabhart; Diane E. Gaffney; Diana M. Gamber; Jennifer R. Goley; Kelly S. Kirby; Melanie D. Marks; Lea A. Maynard; Pamela M. Marshall; Emily M. Rone; Christine M. Teeters; Megan M. Turner; and Kristin R. Ward.

**COTA** - Amy M. Brewer; Lisa M. Kruer; Erin L. Siegrist; and Susan L. Whitt.

**OTR Temporary Permit** – Jody L. Baudendistel and Mitzi M. Radar.

**COTA Temporary Permit** – Mary A. Allensworth

**COTA Reinstatement** – Catherine J. Gantt

#### **DPAM Application Review**

The motion was made by Ms. Nash and seconded by Ms. Conley-Buckner to approve the following applications as discussed:

**Darla M. Babcock** was denied DPAM Specialty Certification until the competency areas are checked off on the *Supervised Treatment Sessions* form and submitted to the Board.

**Nikki S. Bright** was denied DPAM Specialty Certification until evidence of an additional supervised treatment session is listed on the *Supervised Treatment Sessions* form as paraffin and moist heat are not considered a deep physical agent modality. The treatment sessions form must be submitted to the Board for a second review.

**Deborah H. Farler** was denied DPAM Specialty Certification until competency areas A-F are checked off on the *Supervised Treatment Sessions* form.

**Angela R. Smith** was denied DPAM Specialty Certification until evidence of an additional supervised treatment session is listed on the *Supervised Treatment Sessions* form as paraffin and moist heat are not considered a deep physical agent modality. The treatment sessions form must be submitted to the Board for a third review.

**DPAM Specialty Certification** – Linda K. Abell; Shana A. Azevedo; Nancy M. Buser; April N. Childers; Vincent B. Cochran; Judy P. Daub; Scott A. DeBurger; Betty A. Dyer; Gregory S. Dykes; Angel D. Freeman; Jennifer A. Green; Heather L. LeBrun; Selena M. McGill; Patricia

**A. McKeon; Danny R. McNew; Monica K. Montgomery; Flavia A. Morris; Carol C. Mosby; Jane E. Murphy; Suzanne R. Neeley; Elizabeth E. Neltner; Diane L. Ridge; Anita R. Robbins; Annette M. Robinson; Mary T. Sidles; Stacy M. Sizemore; Leslie B. Sparkman; Emily D. Staples; Mary Beth Walter; Jan D. Williamson; and Tracy A. Woolums.**

**DPAM Specialty Certification Supervisor – Kimberly A. Bernath; Mary Ann O. Cecil; Beth U. Coon; Gary J. Costelle; Candie N. Dalton; Ron P. Handshoe; Theresa L. Harrison; Kimberly A. Jones; Jonathan B. McNabb; Kelly L. Reutman; Angela T. Snyder; Christy L. Vermost; and Charlie A. Workman.**

Application from Angela Counts was denied approval for 36 hours of continuing education credit for the program "DPAMs for the Occupational Therapist" scheduled for May 16-18 and May 30-June 1, 2003. The Board needs the teaching objectives and methods clearly stated as part of the workshop materials.

Application from Jamie Strawrer was denied approval for 12 hours of continuing education credit for the program "Pediatric Electrical Stimulation" scheduled for November 8-9, 2003. The Board is requesting that a curriculum vita for the presenter of this course, Gad Alon, Ph.D., PT, be submitted with the other workshop materials.

Application from Neil C. Thornbury was denied approval for 36 hours of continuing education credit for the program "Deep Physical Agent Modalities" scheduled for May 9-11 and June 13-15, 2003. The Board needs specific course objectives and teaching methods described for this program.

#### **Approval of Travel and Per Diem**

A motion was made by Ms. Conley-Buckner to approve travel and per-diem for today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Ms. Nash, carried.

#### **Adjournment**

With all business completed, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The next meeting of the Occupational Therapy Board will be a meeting to be held May 9, 2003, 9:00 a.m. at the Division of Occupations and Professions, Frankfort, KY.



Approved

Prepared by Karen Robinson, Board Administrator  
April 29, 2003